



# ...and another thing

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## “You know that we are living in a statistical world, and I am a statistical girl.”

Okay. So Madonna didn't sing those exact words. But she would have if she had known just how driven society is by statistics. We love to see how our favorite athletes are doing and generally speaking the proof of their success is in the numbers. Politicians have approval ratings that show how popular they are or how well they are doing their job or at least how people perceive they are doing their job. After a weekend, entertainment news is all about how well movies did at the box office.

Statistics show that the least popular college course among students is statistics. Okay, we just made that up. But you probably would have believed that because we cited statistics. And of course, they never lie. Whether or not statistics are always truthful with us or not is a matter for debate. There is no argument that there are a number of opinions concerning them. Here are a few:

Torture numbers and they'll confess to anything.

— **Gregg Easterbrook**

Statistics are like bikinis. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital.

— **Aaron Levenstein**

Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you should be perfectly comfortable.

— **Bobby Bragan**

Statistics are human beings with the tears wiped off.

— **Paul Brodeur**

Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable.

— **Author unknown**

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts – for support rather than illumination.

— **Andrew Lang**

Do not put your faith in what statistics say until you have carefully considered what they do not say.

— **William Watt**

Oh, people can come up with statistics to prove anything. Fourteen percent of people know that.

— **Homer J. Simpson**

A statistical analysis, properly conducted, is a delicate dissection of uncertainties, a surgery of suppositions.

— **M.J. Moroney**

Statistics may be defined as “a body of methods for making wise decisions in the face of uncertainty.”

— **W.A. Wallis**

Ninety percent of the game is half mental.

— **Yogi Berra**

I abhor averages. I like the individual case. A man may have six meals one day and none the next, making an average of three meals per day, but this is not a good way to live.

— **Louis D. Brandeis**

While the individual man is an insoluble puzzle, in the aggregate he becomes a mathematical certainty. You can, for example, never foretell what any one man will be up to, but you can say with precision what an average number will be up to. Individuals vary, but percentages remain constant.

— **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

The theory of probabilities is at bottom nothing but common sense reduced to calculus.

— **Laplace**

I'm a white male, age 18 to 49. Everyone listens to me, no matter how dumb my suggestions are.

— **Homer J. Simpson**

Statistics can be made to prove anything – even the truth

— **Author Unknown**

You give a 100 percent in the first half of the game, and if that isn't enough in the second half you give what's left.

— **Yogi Berra**

There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up.

— **Rex Stout, Death of a Doxy**

As you can see, there are a number of opinions concerning statistics. Regardless of your opinion about them, we think that you'll find the statistics on the following pages fascinating, useful and dare we say, riveting!

You'll exude a palpable air of confidence. And don't think people won't notice the difference. Of course, you being the modest type will tell them it's just the new hair cut or perhaps the elevator shoes you're wearing. But inside you know your newfound confidence is due to the fact that you now know everything about Las Vegas. And we mean everything!

You're no longer someone to be trifled with. No sir and/or ma'am. It's clear you're among the elite, the big thinkers - giants of industry, scientists who send vessels to other worlds, and the guys who invent really neat toys. You Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss, are a god/goddess, equipped with x-ray vision, super hearing and the strength of ten men. And we're not talking 10 wimpy men who have pocket protectors. We're talking 10 really big guys who get tons of sweat all over the exercise equipment at the gym and don't wipe it off! Get the picture? Of course you do! We've already established your genius and are appropriately embarrassed by questioning it in the slightest.

And now for the downside of being a know it all. Along with great power comes great responsibility. Use your knowledge of the city of Las Vegas wisely, grasshopper.





# LAS VEGAS

## STATISTICS

Date of Land Auction May 15, 1905

Date of Incorporation: March 16, 1911

Date First Charter Adopted: March 16, 1911

Date Present Charter Adopted: May 26, 1983

Form of Government: Council - Manager

Number of Permanent Employees: July 1, 2008

CEA 1,641

Appointive 325

Fire 617

PPA 78

PPO 219

Elected 13

Regular Part Time 1

Total 2,894

Area in Square Miles:

April 1, 1911 19.179

July 1, 2008 133.2

Facilities and Services in Miles (Maintained by the City) July 1, 2008

Freeway 6

Arterial (Primary) 173

Arterial (Secondary) 107

Collector (Industrial/Business) 17

Collector (Residential) 129

Local (Industrial/Business) 24

Local (Residential) 803

Alley 38

Total Centerline Miles 1,297

Number of Street Lights 51,500 July 1, 2008

Fire Protection: July 1, 2008

Number of Calls Answered (Calendar year 2007) 84,762

Total Emergency Medical Service Responses (Calendar year 2007) 77,393

Total Fire Responses (Calendar year 2007) 2,691

Culture and Recreation: July 1, 2008

Number of Parks 146

City Maintained 68

Privately Maintained 78

Number of Golf Courses 14

Public 4

Private 10

Number of Public Swimming Pools 12

Sewage System: July 1, 2008

Miles of Sanitary Sewers 1,715

Number of Service Connections 198,900

Miles of Storm Drain Channels 350

Number of Treatment Plants 3

Daily Average Treatment in MGD (Million gallons per day) 70

maximum daily capacity of treatment plants in MGD 91

\* Denotes valley wide data

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## FACTS

### Population July 1, 2008

City of Las Vegas	599,087
Clark County	1,986,146
Las Vegas Valley	1,916,436

### Median Age 34.5 2000 Census

### Median Household Income \$ 53,704 2008 Perspective

### Households 220,164 July 1, 2008

### Housing Units 235,751 July 1, 2008

### Median New Home Sold\* \$ 310,637 2008 Perspective

### Value of Building Permits \$ 916,133,222 FY 2007-2008

### Land Area 133.2 Square Miles July 1, 2008

### Climate

Avg. Minimum Temperature 56.3F 30 year avg.

Avg. Maximum Temperature 79.9F 30 year avg.

Annual Sunshine 294 Days 30 year avg.

### Schools July 1, 2008

CSN Satellite Campus 1

UNLV Satellite Campus 1

High Schools 10

Middle Schools 15

Prime 6 Schools 5

Special Education Schools 7

Elementary Schools 64

### Hotels/Motels (in City)

Hotels 34 July 1, 2008

Motels 99

Rooms 20,207

### Stadiums/Auditoriums/Conventions Halls\* 2008 Perspective

(1 in City) 6

### Area Malls\*

(400,000+ sq ft) 9 2008 Perspective

(in City) 2

### Las Vegas Industrial Parks 2008 Perspective

(With space available for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, Commercial and storage) 3

### Major Industrial Employers\* 2008 Perspective

Hotel/Gaming/Resorts

Government

Construction

Business Services

Education/Health Services

### Fire Department July 1, 2008

Uniformed Strength

Uniform (Filled positions) 519

Communications (Filled positions) 68

Civilian (Filled positions) 36

### Fire Stations 17 July 1, 2008

Fire Training Center 1

### Metropolitan Police Stations\*

Area Commands 7

### Metropolitan Police Department July 1, 2008

Sworn Officers Assigned 2,446

Civilian Workforce Assigned 1,488

(Includes recruits)

Corrections Officers Assigned 773

(Sworn)

Corrections Personnel Assigned 301

(Civilian)

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